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SUBJECT: PRINCE CHARLES TO VISIT AFRICA IN FEBRUARY/
MARCH

1. AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH MET WITH MARK HEATH, HEAD,
WEST AFRICA DEPARTMENT, FCO, ON DECEMBER 17. DURING
MEETING HEATH SAID IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT FINAL
DETAILS ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT FOR UNOFFICIAL 8-DAY
VISIT TO GHANA BY PRINCE CHARLES. HE WILL ARRIVE IN
ACCRA FROM BOTSWANA WHERE HE PLANS PRIVATE VISIT TO THE
KALAHARI. DATES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED BUT IT
APPEARS FROM HEATH'S COMMENTS THAT THE TRIP WILL TAKE
PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY/EARLY MARCH.

2. PRINCE CHARLES WILL GO ON FROM ACCRA TO ABIDJAN FOR
TWO OR THREE DAYS AS PART OF ATTEMPT BY BRITISH TO
"LEND MORE SUBSTANCE" TO THEIR RELATIONS WITH FRANCO-
PHONE AFRICA. WHILE THERE HIS SPEECHES WILL EMPHASIZE
GROWING BRITISH INTEREST IN IMPROVING COMMERCIAL RELATION
WITH THE IVORY COAST. HEATH'S DEPARTMENT IS ALSO TRYING
TO ARRANGE A THREE HOUR STOPOVER IN DAKAR FOR THE
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PRINCE TO MEET SENGHAR.

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